Amount allocated for Repairing the Anmod-Londa Road.

 $Q._{521}$. Sri K. P. GADAG (Gadag).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) whether they have allocated or agreed to allocate any sum of money for repairing the Anmod-Londa Road which is a part of the high road from Panjim to Belgaum;
- (b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands at present?
- A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—
- (a) This question is under examination.
 - (b) Does not arise.

Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—May I know the distance between Panjim and Belgaum?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not know the exact distance between Belgaum and Panjim, but there is a road connecting Panjim with Belgaum and the distance up to the Goa border is fifty one miles.

Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—In the interest of trade and commerce, will the Government consider the desirability of improving the road between

Panjim and Belgaum?

sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—May I submit for the information of the House that Government have considered this question and taken a decision recently to provide five lakhs of rupees immediately in order to effect immediate repairs to this Belgaum-Panjim Road? Orders will be issued very shortly.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know, Sir, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that during the last week, as many as sixteen motor vehicles were stuck up in the mud at the village Asthuri, 7 miles

from Londa?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—That is why we have sanctioned Rs. 5 lakhs in order to effect immediate repairs.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know when the repairs will be completed? May I know whether the repair works have been started at least?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—We have now taken a decision to keep at the disposal of the Chief Engineer Rs. 5 lakhs to effect repairs. Orders will be issued shortly and as soon he receives orders, work will be taken up.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—May I know whether State and private buses are now running on this road?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Yes, Sir. Transport buses are running on this road.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—May I know whether the road is in such a condition as to allow the running of the buses?

sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Sir, that is the reason why we have already sanctioned Rs. 5 lakhs in the first instance. May I also submit for the information of the House that the Government of India are also proposing to upgrade the road to the standard of National Highway and they have requested the State Government to give certain assistance for taking a survey and there is a proposal that we should approach the Government of India to reimburse whatever amount we spend on this road.

Sri B. P. KADAM. ... What is the total number of vehicles that have been stuck up?

Mr. SPEAKER.—For what period? They do not stick up for all time.

Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—If it is necessary, will the Government sanction more money to improve this road?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Certainly, Sir. Rs. 5 lakhs have been sanctioned in the first instance. If this road requires more money, we are going to sanction that amount also.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that the length of road coming under National Highway in the Mysore State is very much less than in other States?

Mr. SPEAKER.—How does it arise out of this question?

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Have the Government taken steps to include it in the National Highways immediately? Mr. SPEAKER.—The Government of India have taken the initiative and they have written to the State Government.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—On the other hand, these people have to make a request to the Centre to see that this road is included in the National Highways.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Central Government have already moved in the matter.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—Under whose examination this matter is pending?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—The State Government is going to repair this road and we are providing the necessary funds out of State resources.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—When the Government of India have expressed their willingness to include this road in the National Highways, may I know whether there is need to spend money by the State Government?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—There is a proposal before the Government of India but they may take their own time to complete the survey and take up this work. In the meanwhile, we want to effect improvements to the road and request the Government of India to reimburse whatever amount we spend on this road.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—To give immediate relief, is it necessary to spend Rs. 5 lakhs?

Sriveerender APATIL.—It requires Rs. 22 lakks to repair this road which has been in disuse for a number of years.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—May I know whether there are any bridges to be constructed on this road?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Those details I have not got with me.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—We are told that repairs to these roads are undertaken at the instance of the Government of India. May I know why this road was so far neglected?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—This road has assumed importance only after the liberation of Goa. It was not in use for a number of years. That is why it was neglected. Now, we are effecting immediate repairs and the Government of India proposes to

improve this road to the standard of National Highway.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know when the Hon'ble Minister says it was not in use, whether there was no traffic at all? Particularly Londa area being a mining area, there was goods traffic on this road.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—A portion of the Belgaum-Panjim Road was not in use and so a portion of this road is not in a good condition. We want to immediately effect repairs to that portion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There are still four minutes.

Further supplementaries on Question No. 168 re: Irrigation Wells

Sri M. C. BASAPPA. Regarding the question of irrigation wells, a point was not clarified by the Minister. I may be permitted to put a supplementary.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Minister is willing to answer, I have no objection.

Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA.—I have no objection.

Sri M. C. BASAPPA.—The agency is the Taluk Board and also the Revenue Department. As it exists, there is no relationship between the Revenue Department and the Taluk Board. How does the scheme work out according to you?

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